

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A system for real-time, communication between a plurality of separated users, comprising
 - (a) at least one communication device for use by each of the plurality of users and having an associated display;
 - (b) at least one communication network to which at least first and second users can connect by logging in at their respective communication devices;
 - (c) at least one service record for the first and second logged in users, the at least one service record including user identification information and an associated location where the first and second users are ~~each user is~~ logged in no matter where they are located;
 - (d) computer software for
 - (i) causing display of a user identifier at least one of which is a graphical icon for representing ~~for~~ at least the second user in a personalized list on the display of at least the first user's communication device, and
 - (ii) generating a signal in response to a first user selecting the displayed second user's identifier; and
 - (e) collaboration initiation software that functions
 - (i) to cause the retrieving of necessary addressing information of the second user, and
 - (ii) to cause the establishing of a connection between the first and second users, and thereby

(iii) to enable real-time communication displayed on the display of the first and second users;

wherein the system is configured to indicate to a user whether another user is not logged in.

2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the communication includes real-time text ~~messages~~ displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.

3. (currently amended) The system of claim 2, wherein at least one communication device ~~can be~~ is a wireless device.

4. (currently amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the communication network ~~can be~~ is a wide area network.

5.-7. (canceled).

8. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the system is configured to allow the first user to:

(a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and

(b) add that new user to an existing communication.

9. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the system is configured to:

(a) detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;

(b) notify the first user of the attempt; and

(c) allow the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

10. (currently amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the system is configured to cause an indication of the attempt to initiate communications to appear automatically on a user's display.

11. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the system is configured to

(a) allow the first user to send an e-mail to the second user.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the communication ~~can~~ includes at least one picture image.

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13. (currently amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the communications ~~ean~~ includes video images of at least one participant.

14. (currently amended) A system for real-time, communication between a plurality of separated users, comprising

(a) at least one communication device for use by each of the plurality of users and having an associated display;

(b) at least one communication network to which at least first and second users can connect by logging in at their respective communication devices;

(c) at least one service record for the first and second logged in users, the at least one service record including user identification information and an associated location where the first and second users are ~~each user is~~ logged in;

(d) computer software for

(i) causing display of a user identifier for at least the second user in a personalized list on the display of at least the first user's communication device, and

(ii) generating a signal in response to a first user selecting the displayed second user's identifier; and

(e) collaboration initiation software that functions

(i) to cause the retrieving of necessary addressing information of the second user, and

(ii) to cause the establishing of a connection between the first and second users, and thereby

(iii) to enable real-time communication text messages displayed on the display of the first and second users;

wherein the system is configured to

- indicate to a user whether another user is not logged in, and

wherein the system is further configured to

- detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;
- notify the first user of the attempt by causing a notification of the attempt to initiate communications to appear automatically on a user's display; and
- allow the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

15. (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the personalized list ~~can~~ includes at least one graphical icon representing a user.

16. (canceled).

17. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~16~~ 14, wherein the service records further include a location where the first and second users are ~~each user is~~ logged in no matter where they are located.

18. (canceled).

19. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~18~~ 14, wherein at least one communication device ~~can be~~ is a wireless device.

20. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the communication network ~~can be~~ is a wide area network.

21. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~18~~ 17, wherein the system is configured to allow the first user to:

- (a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and
- (b) add that new user to an existing communication.

22. (canceled).

23. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~16~~ 19, wherein a user ~~can be~~ is selected by clicking on an icon.

24. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~16~~ 14, wherein the system is configured to allow users to ~~can~~ indicate they want to accept incoming communications.

25. (canceled).

26. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~16~~ 17, wherein the system is configured to
- (a) allow the first user to send an e-mail to the second user.
27. (currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the communication ~~can~~ includes at least one picture image.
28. (currently amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the communications ~~can~~ includes video images of at least one participant.
29. (currently amended) A system for real-time, communication between a plurality of separated users, comprising
- (a) at least one communication device for use by each of the plurality of users, at least one device being a wireless device and device having an associated display;
 - (b) at least one communication network to which at least first and second users can connect by logging in at their respective communication devices;
 - (c) at least one service record for the first and second logged in users, the at least one service record including user identification information and an associated location where the first and second users are ~~each user is~~ logged in no matter where they are located;
 - (d) computer software for
 - (i) causing display of a user identifier for at least the second user in a personalized list on the display of at least the first user's communication device, and
 - (ii) generating a signal in response to a first user selecting the displayed second user's identifier; and
 - (e) collaboration initiation software that functions
 - (i) to cause the retrieving of necessary addressing information of the second user, and

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(ii) to cause the establishing of a connection between the first and second users,
and thereby

(iii) to enable real-time communication displayed on the display of the first and
second users.

30. (currently amended) The system of claim 29, wherein the communication ~~ean~~ includes
real-time text ~~messages~~ displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.

31. (currently amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the personalized list ~~ean~~ includes
graphical representations of users and is scrollable.

32. (original) The system of claim 31, wherein the system is configured to indicate to a user
whether another user is not logged in.

33. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the system is configured to allow the first
user to:

- (a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and
- (b) add that new user to an existing communication.

34. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the system is configured to:

- (a) detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;
- (b) notify the first user of the attempt; and
- (c) allow the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

35. (currently amended) The system of claim 34, wherein the system is configured to cause
~~the~~ an indication of the attempt to initiate communications to appear automatically on a user's
display.

36. (currently amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the communications ~~ean~~ includes
video images of at least one participant.